

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
STATESVILLE DIVISION  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:24-CV-00034-KDB**

**WILLIAM HANNAGAN,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY,**

**Defendant.**

**ORDER**

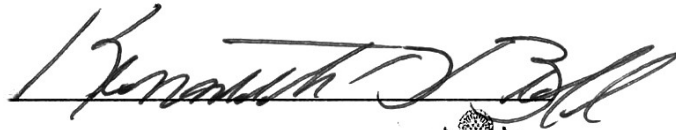
**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on Plaintiff's Amended Petition for Attorney Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act 28 U.S.C. § 2412 (Doc. No. 12), to which the Defendant consents. Having reviewed the motion, and for good cause shown, the Court will grant the relief requested.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the parties' amended request is **GRANTED** and the Court awards Plaintiff fees in the amount of \$4,700.00. Accordingly, Plaintiff's original Petition for Attorney Fees is **DENIED** as moot (Doc. No. 11). *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). Under *Comm'r of Soc. Sec. v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010), the fee award will first be subject to offset of any debt Plaintiff may owe to the United States. The Commissioner will determine whether Plaintiff owes a debt to the United States. If so, the debt will be satisfied first, and if any funds remain, they will be made payable to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel. If the United States Department of the Treasury reports to the Commissioner that the Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, the government will exercise its discretion and honor an assignment of EAJA fees

and pay the awarded fees directly to Plaintiff's counsel. No additional petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) shall be filed.

**SO ORDERED.**

Signed: November 13, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth D. Bell", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth D. Bell  
United States District Judge

